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Honorable Rukhsanah L. Singh, U.S.M.J. United States District Court District of New Jersey Clarkson S. Fisher Fed. Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse 402 East State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Re: In re: Insulin Pricing Litigation, Notice of Supplemental Authority

Docket No.: 2:23-md-03080-BRM-RLS

MDL No.: 3080

Dear Judge Singh,

I write on behalf of all Defendants to seek Your Honor's permission to submit a Notice of Supplemental Authority pertaining to Plaintiffs' Brief in Support of Their Proposed ESI Order relating to the hyperlinks issue. (Dkt. 123.) In that brief, in arguing that Defendants "should have to produce the hyperlinked attachment and identify the metadata, including relationship/association, with the email and hyperlinked attachment," Plaintiffs relied on *Calendar Research LLC v. StubHub, Inc.*, No. 17-cv-4062, 2019 WL 1581406 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 14, 2019). (Pls. Br. at 24, n.21, Dkt. 123.) Plaintiffs also relied upon the declaration of Douglas Forrest to support their position. (Dkt. 123-2.)

On May 20, 2024, in the *StubHub* matter, U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas S. Hixon entered an order finding good cause to *remove* a requirement in the stipulated ESI Order which had required StubHub to produce hyperlinked documents "as if they were attachments to emails." Order re Motion to Modify the ESI Order, Moton to Strike, and Motion for Sanctions at 1, *In re StubHub Refund Litig.*, No. 4:20-md-02951-HSG, Dkt. 278 (N.D. Cal. May 20, 2024). The Court granted StubHub's motion to modify the ESI

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Order, based in part on its evidentiary showing that "the hyperlink requirement is technologically

impossible to fulfill most of the time." Id. The Court discounted the declaration of Douglas Forrest

submitted by the plaintiff, stating that it "falls short of establishing that the hyperlink requirement in the

ESI Order is broadly possible to comply with." Id. at 3. The Court concluded that the "non-existence of

commercially available software that can implement the hyperlink requirement tips strongly in StubHub's

favor." Id.

Defendants respectfully submit that the attached supplemental authority will aid in the Court's

resolution of the pending hyperlink dispute in this case.

We thank the Court for its time and attention. Should Your Honor have any questions, we remain

available.

Respectfully submitted,

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